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**CELEBRATING EARTH DAY 2000 AT INDIAN HEAD**

NAVSEA Indian Head, Surface Warfare Center Division will be hosting a Command event in front of Headquarters, Building 20, on Tuesday, 25 April at 1000 to celebrate Earth Day 2000. The theme for this year's event is Clean Energy - Now!

This event will include recognition of the prestigious awards just recently won by the IHDIV from the Naval Sea Systems Command and the Chief of Naval Operations for Natural Resources Conservation.

For the fifth consecutive year IHDIV will receive the Maryland Plant Community Green Award in recognition of tree planting efforts,. This program, sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service, and the Maryland Community Forest Council, encourages communities to love and nurture trees.

The Tree City USA Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation will also be presented in recognition of IHDIV's ongoing urban forestry plan. In the past year, over 400 trees were planted by the IHDIV Natural Resources staff.

Representatives from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Mr. Dave Gailey (State Forester for Charles and St. Mary's counties) and Ms. Roberta Dorsch (Outdoor Adventures Nature Tourism Program - Southern Region Coordinator) will be participating in the event.

The event will close as the children from the Creative Minds Child Development Center assist CAPT Walsh in planting a tree in recognition of Arbor Day.

NAVSEA Indian Head Division is a National Center for Energetics and is located on 3500 acres in Charles County, MD. Over the last ten years, the IHDIV has invested \$75million in environmental compliance and protection initiatives. The IHDIV is one of the largest employers in Charles County.

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